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EMBASSY LAMENTS PASSING OF NOBEL LAUREATE

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy Ambassador William McCormick has expressed his condolences on the passing of Nobel Laureate Professor Alan MacDiarmid.

“While Professor MacDiarmid was born here in New Zealand and spent many years working in the United States, his contributions were truly global. He leaves behind an enormous scientific legacy and he will be profoundly missed around the world,” said Ambassador McCormick.

“Those here at the Embassy who knew him will remember him for his kindness, his humor, and his generosity of spirit. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues at this most difficult time,” he added.

Professor MacDiarmid was due to speak at the U.S. Embassy next Wednesday, February 14. His chosen topic was to be “Non-polluting Renewable Energy.”

As a mark of respect, the Ambassador has ordered that the American flag be flown at half-mast at the Embassy in Wellington and Consulate in Auckland both today and tomorrow.